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1. Prior to 2 June 1951, the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Rudolstadt (M 51/I 54) quartered only 60 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. However, on 2 June, [REDACTED] noticed an additional unit of about 120 men with black-bordered crimson epaulets who had arrived aboard a regular train from the direction of Jena. Local residents said that, in addition to this unit, other small groups of soldiers had also arrived in Rudolstadt. According to the manner in which they discharged their duties, the new troops seemed to be recruits. Gate guards at the barracks installation wore red-bordered black epaulets. A sedan, which was occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets, [REDACTED]
2. Prior to 2 June, the Flak Kaserne in Rudolstadt quartered only about 30 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 90 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, who, according to railroadmen, arrived from Saalfeld (M 51/I 53) aboard a regular train, brought the total number of troops in the installation up to about 120 on 2 June. [REDACTED] arrival of several small groups of soldiers at the installation.
3. The Alte Kaserne in Rudolstadt still quartered a rear detail of 30 men who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 40 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were again observed at the kommandantura.
4. Prior to 1 June, the Infanterie Kaserne in Saalfeld quartered a rear unit of about 100 soldiers who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Only one building of the installation was occupied. From 50 to 60 soldiers were seen swimming in the Saale River on 28 May and 1 June. (1)
5. From 21 May to 10 June, the Flak Kaserne in Weimar (M 51/I 57) quartered 300 to 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. About 120 of these troops manned the AA guns on Ettersberg. (2)
6. The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne in Weimar was occupied by 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The staff that had been previously observed processing discharges there did not resume its functions by 10 June. (3) The central section of the billeting area quartered a motor transport unit of about 350 [REDACTED]

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7. The eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne in Weimar quartered about 220 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. From 100 to 120 of these troops manned the AA gun emplacements at the gasworks. (2) An apprentice gardener said that about 400 troops had left the central section of the installation for Ohrdruf in early May. From 150 to 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were seen in the barracks section prior to 10 June. The hospital in the western section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne was about 50 percent occupied by military patients prior to 10 June.
8. The Mueller Kaserne in Weimar quartered 400 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. About 120 of them operated the various signal-communication installations at the post. (4)
9. On 21 May, the Flieger Kaserne, Nohra, still quartered 2,500 to 3,000 troops. However, not more than 1,000 troops were quartered in the installation between 21 May and 6 June. Only about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen receiving infantry training on one day during this period. (1)

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Comments.

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- (1) Apart from the arrival of recruits, the present report indicates no changes over a previous report by the same source for the period from 11 to 25 May 1951.

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- (3) Reports on large-scale discharges have been received from the other army areas in the Soviet Zone of Germany since the end of May 1951. The only report of this kind from Weimar stated that one train with troops left eastward in early February 1951.
- (4) The report indicates no change regarding the occupation of the central section of the Tannenberg Kaserne nor in that of the Mueller Kaserne as stated in paragraph 8.

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